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I feel the settlement as proposed does a great injustice to the American consumer. It is nearly impossible for the average person to go out and buy a pc without Windows on it. I don't use windows, I must buy it if I want a pc though. I say go hard on these boys, I want restitution for every MS os I was forced to buy. That would be 3.1, 95, 98, and ME all of which were removed from the systems that came with them forcefully pre-installed. I never wanted windows, I had to buy it to get newer, up-to-date pc's.

Maybe opening the source of their kernel would be more fitting. Or a complete separation of the os and apps dept's while removing the apps already "integrated" into the os, ie Internet Explorer, Media Player, ..... There are many options, the proposed settlement is not even a slap on the wrist.

]Do the right thing here and punish the monopolist Microsoft in a way that leaves no uncertain terms, monopolist behavior will not be tolerated. They've misled the court during hearings and showed no respect to it's authority in the past, and been convicted of being a monopoly, treat them accordingly. It's called throwing the book at them.

Respectfully,  
Richard Gore